

Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild Board Minutes

September 3, 2019

Held at Marla Smith's home.

Present: Flora, Frank, Garland, Harris, Masta, Montour, Ritchie, Schutzgruber, Smith, Widowski

President - Anne Flora called the meeting to order.

- Bob Masta (Ellen Willson's husband) discussed the dispersal of Ellen's books and supplies. Many good suggestions were voiced. Anne will meet with Bob on Saturday to get a visual idea of the material.
- Teresa Garland will host the next Board meeting on Monday, Nov. 4.
- Anne Flora led the discussion of the June strategic planning retreat and the ideas that were generated.

Ideas that will be immediately implemented are:

1. Membership Survey. A copy of the survey was reviewed. It will be handed to members upstairs at Zion as they arrive. The completed surveys will be collected downstairs as members sign in and pay their dues. All will be reminded to wear their name tags.
2. Anne Flora and Carol Fleischer will personally contact new members and find a mentor for them.
3. Discussed was the possibility of adding an outreach and volunteer committee. It was generally felt that the volunteer activity can be handled by the chairs of each individual committee.
4. Proposed is that we will participate in the Ann Arbor Artisan Market from April-December 2020. The intention is to have fiber technique demos and sales. We will need a coordinator and volunteers to do this. Details of the operation will be completed when we have a coordinator in place.

Workshops - Sharon McKenna reported that the October workshop has only four registered. We are committed to it, as the cutoff date for canceling was in August. Since this has happened before with our October workshop, it was thought that perhaps we should not have a "big name" in October. There is a good chance that this workshop will fill at the September meeting.

Fiber Feast - Sharon McKenna said that no major changes will be made to the Feast. In reviewing ticket sales, there were 82 new names attending this past year.

Treasurer - Teresa Garland reported that our budget is in good shape at this time. Details are on the web. There is a little more than \$600 in the Ellen Willson Scholarship Fund. We received funding in the amount of \$3550 from FAN to purchase and upgrade technical equipment and to offset the cost of monthly meetings. We have purchased a new microphone and upgraded two computers.

Moved Flora, second Garland *“Starting in May 2020, checks will be deposited as they come in.”*
Motion carried unanimously.

Preference for workshops will be as follows:

1. Member
2. Member, as of September
3. Non-member

Exhibits - Cindy Harris reported that the Cherry Hill Show is progressing well. More details on the web site.

Jury - Susan Widawski was welcomed to the Board. Jurys are set for the end of September and October. Specifics are on the web site.

Publicity - Marla Smith confirmed that the Holiday Sale ad would go in the November Observer.

Membership - Trish Ritchie reaffirmed the procedure (as discussed in Anne Flora’s report), for the distribution of the membership survey and annual dues.

Holiday Sale - Barb Schutzgruber confirmed that the sale would be held November 9 between 10a.m. - 4p.m., with set-up on Friday evening. Volunteer sifts will be 3 hours. Details on drop off, etc. will be discussed at the membership meeting and will be on the web site.

Storage - Barb Schutzgruber reported that all of the fair items have not sold, so we are still using the larger unit. Additional advertising will be done.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Frank, Secretary